

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) Calcium absorption enhancer comprising as an active ingredient calcium and at least one ~~of the components~~ component selected from the group consisting of egg white, egg white proteins and isoflavones.

Claim 2 (original) Calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 1 wherein the egg white proteins are in their natural form.

Claim 3 (currently amended) Calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the egg white or the egg white proteins contains only ovalbumin, ovotransferrin, and ovomucoid.

Claim 4 (currently amended) Calcium absorption enhancer according to ~~one of claims claim 1 to 3~~ wherein the ratio of egg white/calcium is ~~comprised~~ between 4 and 400, ~~preferably 20 to 60, and in a preferred embodiment 40.~~

Claim 5 (currently amended) Calcium absorption enhancer according to ~~one of claims claim 1 to 4~~ wherein the ratio calcium/isoflavones is ~~comprised~~ between 1.5 and 48, ~~preferably 6 to 20, and in a preferred embodiment is 12.~~

Claim 6 (currently amended) An orally ~~Orally~~ ingestible composition comprising a calcium absorption enhancer comprising as an active ingredient calcium and at least one component selected from the group consisting of egg white, egg white proteins and isoflavones ~~according to any of the preceding claims.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended) Orally ingestible composition according to claim 6 wherein the composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of a food product, a dietary supplement, a nutritional supplement ~~or and~~ a pharmaceutical.

Claim 8 (currently amended) Orally ingestible composition according to claim 6 ~~or claim 7~~ wherein the proportion of egg white and calcium compared to the total composition is from 0.2 to 100% by in weight, ~~preferably 1 to 99% and in a preferred embodiment 5 to 98%.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended) Orally ingestible composition according to ~~one of claims claim 6 to 8~~ further comprising a component selected from the group consisting of prebiotics and/or functional ingredients.

Claim 10 (currently amended) Orally ingestible composition according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims claim 6 to 9~~ wherein the food product is in a form selected from the group consisting of a human food product and ~~or a pet food product.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended) Orally ingestible composition according to ~~one of~~ ~~claims claim 6 to 10~~ wherein the active ingredients are in powder form.

Claim 12 (currently amended) A method of producing ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer product comprising the steps of using as an active ingredient calcium and at least one component selected from the group consisting of egg white, egg white proteins and isoflavones to produce the calcium absorption enhancer product according to any of claims 1 to 5.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ according to claim 12 wherein the ratio of egg white/calcium is ~~comprised~~ between 4 and 400; ~~preferably 20 to 60, and in a preferred embodiment 40.~~

Claim 14 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~ wherein the ratio calcium/isoflavones is ~~comprised~~ between 1.5 and 48; ~~preferably 6 to 20, and in a preferred embodiment is 12.~~

Claim 15 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ according to ~~one of claims claim 12 to 14~~ wherein calcium and egg white are provided ~~given~~ at the same time but separately.

Claim 16 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ according to ~~one of claims claim 12 to 15~~ to attenuate obesity.

Claim 17 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ according to claim 23 ~~wherein 16 the individual is a pet or human for pets or for humans.~~

Claim 18 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ ~~according to one of claim 23 claims 12 to 17~~ wherein the treatment is to create increased higher bone mass.

Claim 19 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer~~ ~~according to one of claim 23 claims 12 to 18~~ wherein the treatment is to increase higher the bone mass peak.

Claim 20 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer according to claims 12 to 19~~ claim 23 wherein the treatment is designed to delay the arrival in the critical bone mass.

Claim 21 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 23 wherein the treatment is designed~~ ~~12 to 20~~ to increase weight loss, help reducing weight and/or to reduce body fat.

Claim 22 (currently amended) Method ~~Use of a calcium absorption enhancer according to claims 12 to 21~~ claim 23 wherein the treatment is designed to increase mobility.

Claim 23 (new) A method of providing a treatment that involves the use of a calcium absorption enhancer comprising the steps of administering to an individual a therapeutically-effective amount of a composition comprising as an active ingredient calcium and at least one component selected from the group consisting of egg white, egg white proteins and isoflavones.

Claim 24 (new) Calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of egg white/calcium is between 20 to 60.

Claim 25 (new) Calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 1 wherein the ratio calcium/isoflavones is between 6 to 20.

Claim 26 (new) Orally ingestible composition according to claim 6 wherein the proportion of egg white and calcium compared to the total composition is from 1 to 99%.

Claim 27 (new) Calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of egg white/calcium is 40.

Claim 28 (new) Calcium absorption enhancer according to claim 1 wherein the ratio calcium/isoflavones is 12.

Claim 29 (new) Method according to claim 12 wherein the ratio of egg white/calcium is 40.

Claim 30 (new) Method according to claim 12 wherein the ratio calcium/isoflavones is 12.

Claim 31 (new) Method according to claim 12 wherein the ratio of egg white/calcium is between 20 to 60.

Claim 32 (new) Method according to claim 12 wherein the ratio calcium/isoflavones is 6 to 20.